GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR & RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in construction of bridge in Jalumuru Mandal of Srikakulam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR), Narasannapeta, Srikakulam District (now Retired) – WSD submitted – Enquiry conducted – Charges proved in the regular enquiry - Representation - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension permanently under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 467 **Dated: 10-08-2020**

Read the following:

1. From DG, (V&E) Deptt., VR No.156(619/V&E/E1/2010), dt.31.12.2010.
2. G.O.Rt.No. 832, P.R. & R.D (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 18.05.2013.
3. From Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR), Written statement of defence, dt: 7.10.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.517, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.26.05.2015.
5. D.O. Letter No. 78/COI-KSR/2015, dated: 17.12.2016 from Sri K. Sahadeva Reddy, Member, C.O.I & Inquiring Authority together with inquiry report dt: 17.12.2016.
6. Govt.Memo.No.1964/Vig.I/2011, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., Dt.12.04.2017.
7. From Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) (Retired), explanation dated 27.07.2017.
8. Govt. Memo No. 1964/Vig. I/2011, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:14.06.2018.
9. From Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) (Retired), representation dated 17.7.2018.
10. Letter Nos. 1964/ Vig. I/2011, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., dt: 11.12.2018 & 27.01.2020.
11. From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Letter No. 886/DC&C/2018, dated: 02.03.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri Ch.Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR), Narasannapeta, Srikakulam District duly framing the flowing Article of charge, for committing irregularities in execution of work "construction of bridge in Jalamuru (M), Srikakulam District" with a direction to the Charged Officer to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:-

"That the said Sri Ch.Janardhana Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Narasannapeta, Srikakulam District has committed certain irregularities in execution of work 'construction of Bridge in

Jalumuru Mandal Srikakulam district' as he was responsible for (1) Execution of the work prior to approval of designs and drawings (2) Recording the measurements without dates and canceling the same without sufficient reasons (3) Execution of work after the lapse of agreement period without the approval of EOAT (4) Execution of defective concrete work (5) Recording excess quantity of steel than they approved designs".

2. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence vide reference 3rd read above.

3. After examination of the matter, in the reference 4th read above, Government, appointed Sri K. Sahadeva Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) and also (2) other co-charged officers involved in the case .

4. In the reference, 5th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report and among others, the Inquiring Authority held that the charges framed against the Charged Officer Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) is established i.e., held proved.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated copy of the inquiry report to Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) calling for his representation on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, if any, in the matter.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) representation duly stating that the bridge constructed in Jalumuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is in good condition as on the date and traffic worthy. He has stated that he was retired from service in the year 2014 and requested to consider and exonerate him from the charge.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that the Inquiring Authority in the inquiry report held that the Charged Officer was responsible for executing the work prior to approval of designs and drawings, recording the measurements without dates and cancelling the same without sufficient reasons, execution of work after the lapse of agreement period without the approval of the EOAT, execution of defective concrete work and recording excess quantity of steel than the required as per the approved designs. As such, the Charged Officer failed to follow the standard procedure in vogue and committed irregularities in discharging his legitimate duties. Hence, the contention of the Charged Officer that the constructed bridge is at good condition and exonerate him is devoid of merits.

8. Hence, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose 5% cut in pension permanently against Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) (Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rule, 1980. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated the above provisional decision to the charged officer calling for his representation if any in the matter.

9. In the reference 9th read above, Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) (Retired) has submitted representation stating that the bridge is continuously carrying heavy loaded vehicles even on the date and requested to consider the same and exonerated from the proposed punishment since he was retired in the year 2014 and his pensionary benefits were held up.

10. Government have examined the representation of the charged officer and observe that the charged officer failed to discharge his legitimate his duties and violated standard procedure in execution of work. Further the charge is established in the regular enquiry. He didn't submit any new grounds in the representation than those what he has submitted earlier. It is therefore decided proceed further to impose the above penalty against the charged officer. Accordingly in the reference 10th read above, the A.P. Public Service Commission has been consulted in the matter for their concurrence.

11. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above penalty against the charged officer and advised to action accordingly.

12. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension permanently against Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) (Retired) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

13. The Engineer-in-Chef, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARYTO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch. Janardhana Rao, former Assistant Engineer (PR) Narsannapeta, Srikakulam District (now Retired) **through** Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER